Year	Khadi		Village Industries	
	Grant	Loan	Grant	Loan
Tamil Nadu				
1994-95	1031.12	561.68	344.88	673.96
1995-96	1589.97	199.25	13.52	55.58
1996-97 [upto Oct'96]	460.00	156.89	3.33	63.12

(b) KVIC provides financial assistance to state Khadi and Village Industries Boards, institutions and cooperative societies. Since 1995-96 financial assistance are also being provided to individuals. Firms are not provided financial assistance by KVIC either directly or through Boards. As per procedure, any institution seeking direct assistance from KVIC has to be directly enlisted with KVIC. The bye-laws of the institutions are examined thoroughly and financial standing also seen before release of any loan to the institution. Compliance with this procedure minimizes the chances of misuse of KVIC funds.

(c) and (d) Several complaints have been received and appropriate action has been taken to deal with them in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

Development of steel sector in the North East

*351. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a committee to identify programmes for the North East region in the steel sector;

(b) whether Government are also considering to set up such committees in respect of other regions as well; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Steel have constituted a committee to identify the programmes for North-East region and monitor their implementation.

(b) No, Sir. Ministry of Steel has no such proposal.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Total expenditure incurred on computerisation in EPF organisation

*352. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total expenditure incurred on computerisation in Employees Provident Fund (EPF) organisation till 31st March, 1996 giving year-wise and region-wise break-up for the last three years, on machinery-instruments-raw material, building renovation, air conditioning and stationery;

(b) whether some other expenses for some other purposes have also been debited in the computer expenditure account;

(c) whether the outsider operators are being deployed on 30 paise per entry whereas the staff is deprived of any extra benefits; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take any action for the misuse of public money and manipulation of A/c Head; and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to